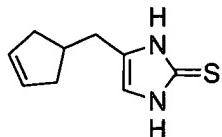


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REMARKS

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2003, issued in connection with parent application 10/153,154, Applicants herein elect



[FORMULA 11] as the species of α -adrenergic agonist with minimal α -2A agonist activity; and neuropathic pain as the species of clinical pain. Each of claims 25 to 39, 42 to 48, 51, 56 and 57 of Group II reads, at least in part, upon the elected species.

Regarding the Election of Species requirements, Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that subject matter directed to non-elected species previously withdrawn from consideration must be rejoined and examined for patentability if a linking claim such as generic claim 25 or 33 is found allowable (MPEP 809).

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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions relating to this matter.

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